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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE

- **According to the first advance estimates of 2019-20 of area and production of various horticultural crops, major findings are:**
 1. Area-25.61million ha
 2. Production-313.35million tonnes
- Ministry has announced the approval of market access to sesame seeds from Brazil to India.
- **First National consultative workshop on strengthening Agri-logistics in e-NAM** was held in New Delhi.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- 800 Farmers Producers Organization have been registered on Farmers Connect portal of **APEDA II 160**.
- Commerce secretary level meeting was held between India and Bangladesh in New Delhi on 15th-20th January 2020.
- **A total of 186 Agri-products testing laboratories have been set up by APEDA** which will help to boost agri export.
- Awareness camp was organized by APEDA for potato exports in Agra.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- **51st K9 VAJRA-T** was flagged off from L& T Armoured system complex in Gujarat.
- 107 individuals were rescued by the Indian Air Force from the frozen Zansken river in the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- **Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade** was organized at Chandinagar.
- **11th Edition of the Biennial mega defence exhibition, Def Expo 2020** will be held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 5th to 9th February, 2020.
- **Indian Navy has signed a MoU with Geological survey of India** for offshore data.
- **SAMPRITI-IX** which is an Indo-Bangladesh defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise will be conducted at UMR0I, Meghalaya from 3rd to 16th February 2020.
- Indian Navy has launched **Operation Vanilla** in order to provide Humilitarian assistance and disaster relief at Madagascar.

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- **Pariksha pe charcha-2020** was organized on 20th January, 2020 in New Delhi in which Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with students from India and abroad.
- Ministry has partnered with Ministry of parliamentary affairs for online youth parliament program to commemorate 70th anniversary of Indian Constitution.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

- **National conclave on emerging opportunities in Natural gas sector** was organized in New Delhi.
- **Indian oil has signed a MoU with National Petroleum authority of Ghana** in order to provide assistance in the implementation of Ghana's National LPG promotion policy.
- A MoU has been signed between India and Brazil for cooperation in the oil and natural gas sector.
- **Saksham** which is a Fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum conservation Research Association (PCRA) has been launched by the ministry.

MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTS

- A concessional agreement has been signed for the construction of **Z-Morh tunnel** in Jammu & Kashmir.
- A new Motor vehicle registration mark **DD** has been assigned to new Union territory of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Ministry has signed a MoU with Bill and Melinda Gates foundation under DAY-NRLM** in order to fulfill the mutual objective of strengthening grass roots institutions.
- **Ministry has organized workshop on Road safety** with state Government to share best practices and increases awareness among masses.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- **A MoU has been signed between Brazil and India for bilateral cooperation in the field of early childhood.**
- **Central Adoption Research Authority (CARA)** celebrated its 5th annual Day on 15th January, 2020 in New Delhi.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- **12th National conference on Safety in mines** was inaugurated by the ministry on 28th January, 2020.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

- **Bharat Parv 2020** was inaugurated at red Fort on 26th January, 2020 which will be celebrated till 31st January, 2020. Theme-Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi.

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

- Cabinet has approved official amendments in the **National commission for Homeopathy, 2019** which will ensure necessary regulatory reforms in the field of homeopathy education.

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- According to the recent reports, mysterious **corona virus** is rapidly spreading in the entire world especially China.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

- Four refurbished heritage buildings in Kolkata-**Old currency building, the Belvedere hour, the Metcafe hours and the Victoria memorial hall** have been dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister of India.

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EAST REGION

- A workshop cum exhibition on **Bamboo-A wonder grass** was organized in Jammu which will help in creating more opportunities in Jammu & Kashmir towards sustainable development.

MINISTRY OF STEEL

- Ministry has launched **PURVODAYA** for accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in Kolkata, West Bengal.

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

- Rs.501crore has been allocated towards pension fund of employees of the Kolkata Port trust.
- Ministry has inaugurated **Kaushal Vikas Kendra and Pritilata Chhatra Avas for tribal girl students of Sunderbans**.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

- **Indian Railways has signed a MoU with RailTel for Phase -2 of e-office execution** in order to make railway office units paperless.
- **South Central Zone of Indian railways has signed a MoU with State Bank of India** for doorstep banking for direct pickup of earnings covering all 585 railways stations under South Central Zone.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

- **Haryana has topped the medals tally in Khelo India Youth Games** which was organized in Guwahati.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

- A formal co-production agreement was signed between India and Bangladesh on the biopic of **BangaBandhu** which will be released during the birth centenary year of BangaBandhu.
- **3rd North Zone conference of media units was held in Jammu** in order to strengthen synergy between the media units.
- **Ireland** has been chosen as the country of focus for the **16th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival**.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- In order to establish International Quality Standards, ministry has passed an order that No imports in others category will be done without HSN Code in the country.

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

- **India's communication satellite GSAT-30** was successfully launched from the spaceport in French Guinea on 17th January, 2020.
- Ministry has launched **Bhuvan Panchayat V 3.0 web portal** which will ensure the reach of space technology to the houses of common man.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

- Ministry has launched **APNA UREA-Sona ugle** brand of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd. (HURL) which will ensure the revival of five urea plants and will reduce the dependence on imports.

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND IT

- Ministry has inaugurated **Center of Excellence in Blockchain technology in Bangalore** on 17th January, 2020.

NITI AAYOG

- **A MoU has been signed between NITI Aayog and Union Territory of Ladakh** for the development of Infrastructure projects.

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

- Asia's largest Civil aviation event-**Wings India 2020** was organized in Bangalore on 18th January, 2020.

MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

- Ministry has inaugurated **ELECHEMA 2020** which is a flagship program of the Indian Electrical industry. It was organized in Greater Noida.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- **15th Raising Day was celebrated on 18th January, 2020** by National disaster response force (NDRF).